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### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **COUNTRY**
   - GUATEMALA

2. **DATE OF INFORMATION** (Yr, mo, day)
   - 1974 April 2

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4. **NAME**
   - a. **FULL NAME** (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with natural capitalization. Underline surname, or, if known by name(s) other than surname, underline same. Give phonetic pronunciation of name as appropriate).
   - Joe Efrain Rios Montt

   - b. **NAME OR NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED**
     - (1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: Brigadier General Jose Efrain Rios Montt
     - (2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS: General Rios

5. **FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET**
   - Jose Efrain Rios Montt

6. **POSITION**
   - a. **PRESENT POSITION**
     - Military Attache, Embassy of Guatemala, Madrid
   - b. **DATE ASSUMED POSITION** (Year, month, day)
     - 1974 April 1

7. **RANK/TITLE** (In English and Native language)
   - Brigadier General (General de Brigada)

8. **DATE OF RANK** (Yr, mo, day)
   - 1972 June 30

9. **SERVICE**
   - a. **BRANCH OF SERVICE**
     - Army Infantry

10. **DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH** (Town, State, Province, Country)
    - 16 June 1926, Huehuetenango, Department of Huehuetenango, Guatemala

11. **SEX**
    - Male

12. **PRESENT ADDRESS** (Including unit location if applicable)
    - Embassy of Guatemala, Madrid, Spain

13. **TELEPHONE NO**

14. **NATIONALITY**
    - Guatemalan

15. **RACE**
    - Caucasian

16. **PHOTO SUBMITTED**
    - Yes

17. **RELIGION**
    - Catholic

18. **DATE OF RANK**
    - 1972 June 30

19. **SEX**
    - Male

20. **NATIONAL-ITY**
    - Guatemalan

21. **RACE**
    - Caucasian

22. **PHOTO SUBMITTED**
    - Yes

23. **RELIGION**
    - Catholic

24. **DATE OF RANK**
    - 1972 June 30

25. **MARITAL STATUS**
    - Married

26. **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
   - a. **AGE**
      - 48
   - b. **HEIGHT**
      - About 5'11"
   - c. **WEIGHT**
      - 150 lbs
   - d. **BUILD**
      - Small
   - e. **POSTURE**
      - Erect
   - f. **COLOR EYES**
      - Brown
   - g. **COLOR HAIR**
      - Black
   - h. **BEARD**
      - Yes
   - i. **MUTTON**
      - No
   - j. **TEETH**
      - Natural
   - k. **BUILD**
      - Small
   - l. **POSTURE**
      - Erect
   - m. **COLOR EYES**
      - Brown
   - n. **COLOR HAIR**
      - Black
   - o. **BUILD**
      - Small
   - p. **POSTURE**
      - Erect
   - q. **GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH**
      - Presently verging on Mental and Physical Exhaustion

27. **PHYSICAL DEFECTS**
    - None

28. **HARD OF HEARING**
    - None

29. **GLASSES**
    - Yes

30. **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**
   - a. **CIVIL EDUCATION**
      - (List schools, location(s), major courses, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day)).
      - Grade School, Huehuetenango, Guatemala 1933-41; High School, Huehuetenango, Guatemala, 1941-43; Escuela Politecnica (Military Academy), Guatemala City 1946-50; Basic Infantry Course, School of the Americas, Ft Gulick, CZ, 1950; Special Course Mechanics, Motors & Heavy Weapons, Ft Gulick, CZ, 1950; Counterinsurgency, Fort Bragg, NC, 1961; and Staff College, Italian Army, 1961-63.

31. **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**
   - a. **Spanish**
      - Native
   - b. **French & Portuguese**
      - Read Only

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Language Proficiency (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter).
### 57. MILITARY SERVICE

(a. List military career in chronological order, include: Military schooling; promotions; demotions; foreign service; units served with and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status.)

(b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award/decoration.)

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<td>2d Btry, FA</td>
<td>Jul 44 - Jun 45</td>
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<td>Arty Sect, Guardia de Honor Bde</td>
<td>Jul 45 - Feb 46</td>
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<td>2LT</td>
<td>Pit D, Ldr, Instructor, Escuela Politecnica</td>
<td>Feb 50 - Sep 53 (Ft Gulick, Mar - July 1950)</td>
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<td>ILT</td>
<td>Instructor, Escuela Politecnica, Finance Officer, Mortar Pit Ldr</td>
<td>Sep 53 - Sep 56</td>
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<td>CAPT</td>
<td>Mortar Pit Ldr, C.O. Hvy Wpns Co, Reserve Instructor, Asst G-3, General Staff, Instructor, Escuela Politecnica, Co Cdr, Exec Officer</td>
<td>Sep 56 - Nov 59</td>
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<td>MAJ</td>
<td>Co Cdr, Escuela Politecnica, Instructor, Service School, Army General Staff</td>
<td>Nov 59 - Mar 63 (Ft Bragg, Feb-Mar 61) In Italy, Language School, May 61 - Sep 61</td>
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<td>LTC</td>
<td>General Staff, Office of G-3, S-3 Mariscal Zavala Bde</td>
<td>Mar 63 - Dec 65</td>
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<td>COL</td>
<td>S-3, 3rd in Cmd, Exec O, Mariscal Zavala Bde, G-3, General Staff of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, Commander, Mariscal Zavala Bde, Director, Escuela Politecnica, Jan 66 - Jun 72</td>
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<td>BGEN</td>
<td>Director, Escuela Politecnica, Chief of Staff of the Army (Jan - Jul 73) Director of Studies, IADC, Washington, DC., Presidential Candidate, Military Attaché to SPAIN, Jul 72 - Present.</td>
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<td>Medalla y Diploma de Constancia en el Servicio III Class</td>
<td>(20 yrs service) (Sep 63)</td>
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<td>Cruz de Merito Militar II Class</td>
<td>Jun 69</td>
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<td>Medalla de Constancia en el Servicio II Class</td>
<td>(25 years service) (Jun 68)</td>
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<td>Mentioned in dispatches, GO 31-70, for Civic Action Service as CO Mariscal Zavala Bde</td>
<td>May 1970</td>
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<td>Cruz de Merito Militar I Class</td>
<td>Jun 71</td>
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### 58. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE

(List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)


### 59. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

(Provisional, social, military, others; give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None Known.
40. **U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES** *(Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances/relatives under this item.)*

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<th>Position/Occupation</th>
<th>Domicile</th>
<th>Nature and Duration of Relationship</th>
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41. **PREFERENCES** *(Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)*

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42. **PUBLISHED WORKS** *(Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)*

Numerous allusive articles in Guatemalan Military Publications.

43. **FULL NAME OF SPOUSE**

   Maria Teresa Sosa de Rios

44. **MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE**

   Maria Teresa Sosa Avila

45. **DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH**

   1930 July 12, Chimaltenango, Guatemala

46. **NATIONALITY** *(Indicate dual citizenship where applicable)*

   Guatemalan

47. **RACE**

   Caucasian

48. **RELIGION**

   Catholic  [X] Practicing  [ ] Nonpracticing

49. **BACKGROUND** *(Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)*

   Approximately Junior College Level convent school education. Very poised and dignified appearance. Does not seem to enjoy social functions, but endures them. Devoted to Family.